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## CPDHE Permit for Raton Basin

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Ms. Lori Mulsoff

I am writing this letter expressing my concerns over the Surface Water Discharge Permit. My concerns stem from not only being an employee of XTO Energy, put also as a landowner and a Business Owner.

I have seen firsthand how this water has benefited landowners, ranchers and wildlife in the area. Our area, for years, has running streams helped with discharge water and assist in supporting the wildlife and livestock. Has there been a thought on the impact for wildlife management when water is unavailable with our drought years, which we are still in? At a minimum, I believe that the new permit limits should only apply to surface discharge points that are located on the Purgatoire River itself. It is especially important that outfalls not located on the Purgatoire River and with water NOT connected to the river are maintained. These outfalls serve as a water source for cattle and wildlife where no other water sources are available.

XTO Energy has voluntarily instituted a system of water quality monitoring stations and water sampling sites throughout their operating area to ensure that the quality of this water meets the state's strict standards for surface discharge. This data should be considered when making any permit limit or decision of policy which will reduce the supply of water in our region. Not only has XTO Energy been sampling the watershed area, but the county as well. These results have been made public if one knows where to find them on <http://echo.epa.gov> and <http://purgatoirewatershed.org>.

I have also seen how the energy industry has benefited the community. The industry has provided countless jobs and tax dollars to the area. With the

reduction of our ability to maintain our gas well properly we will be forced to deplete our resources which include our employees and contractors. Las Animas County has been reliant on natural resources to provide a source of income to the community. This can be seen when looking at population growth and economics in <http://factfinder.census.gov> during 2010-2011 when we saw the first gas price drop.

Lastly I would like to make on final comment on the document (more so, the "Guidelines") that was generated Mon, Apr 6, 2015 at 5:18pm. At the following link: [https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/Pioneer\\_XTO\\_CBM\\_CDPESPermitPublicCommentPeriodExtension.pdf](https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/Pioneer_XTO_CBM_CDPESPermitPublicCommentPeriodExtension.pdf). I felt this letter very condescending with dictatorship overtones. I found this offensive not only to XTO Energy and Pioneer, but anyone who read this.

I believe that these draft permits should be withdrawn and reconsidered by the WQCD.

Regards,

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